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SUBJECT: UNHCR REFUGEE MESSAGE

HEREWITH MESSAGE FROM UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE SABITI FOR
UNHCR/GENEVA.

1. QUOTE SEVERAL REFUGEES MAINLY MEMBERS OF THE PAN
AFRICAN CONGRESS, WERE ARRESTED ON FRIDAY 7 APRIL,
ACCORDING TO EYE-WITNESSES THE ARRESTS WERE MADE BY
PARA-MILITARY POLICE.
2. THE INFORMATION CAME TO US ON SATURDAY BUT ALL THE
HIGH OFFICIALS CONTACTED CLAIMED NOT TO KNOW.
3. I WAS SUMMONED TO DPMO MONDAY MORNING TO BE
INFORMED THAT BETWEEN 40 AND 50 MEMBERS OF PAC WERE
ARRESTED BECAUSE QUOTE IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THEY
WERE TRAINING THEIR OWN PEOPLE AND SOME SWAZIS MILITARILY
UNQUOTE.
4. ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES PROBLEM COULD BE CON-
NECTED WITH THAT OF NGOMEZULU TRIBE PART OF WHICH LIVES

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IN SWAZILAND PART IN RSA. LEADERSHIP DISPUTES MADE CHIEF
AND HIS PEOPLE MOVE TO SWAZILAND AND HE HAS BEEN
ATTACKING OTHER SIDE. IT IS POSSIBLE PAC HAS BEEN
TRAINING THESE PEOPLE SO AS TO DISTRACT RSA FROM
OWN ACTIVITIES. POSSIBILITY IS THAT GOVERNMENT
ACTION WAS PROMPTED BY PRESSURE FROM RSA. INTENTION
IS TO GET ALL PAC MEMBERS OUT OF SWAZILAND.

5. GOVERNMENT REQUESTS UNHCR TO FIND THEM ANOTHER COUNTRY OF ASYLUM, TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES. A LIST IS BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE GIVEN TO THE B.O.

6. IN ADDITION TO THESE, FIVE STUDENTS WHO ARE SAID TO HAVE RETURNED TO RSA AND CAME BACK (MY NOTE FOR THE FILE TRANSMITTED WITH OUR MEMO REF HCR/FM75 OF 17TH MARCH REFERS) ARE ALSO BEING EXPELLED, AS ARE SEVERAL OTHERS WHO ARE ACCUSED OF HAVING VIOLATED REGULATIONS AT MPAKA CENTRE.

7. AM INFORMED NO DETAILS CAN BE GIVEN OF THE PAC CASE FOR SECURITY REASONS. IT IS UNLIKELY HOWEVER THAT ALL WHO WERE ARRESTED WERE INVOLVED IN THE TRAINING AS WE UNDERSTAND THAT ONE REFUGEE WIDOW OVER 50 IS AMONG THEM.

8. GOVERNMENT IS NOT PREPARED TO RECONSIDER ANY OF THE CASES EVEN ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS, NOT EVEN THE STUDENTS WHOSE ONLY CHARGE IS THAT THEY LEFT MPAKA WITHOUT PERMISSION.

9. I PROPOSE CONTACT BE MADE WITH LIBALO AND SIBEKO PAC OFFICIALS IN CHEFEKE'S AREA AS THEY LEFT HERE FRIDAY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEFORE THE ARRESTS.

10. AS SOON AS LIST IS AVAILABLE I WILL TRANSMIT. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

11. PLEASE NOT THAT 35 NEW ARRIVALS AND TRANSITEES TO CHEFEKE'S AREA, FORMERLY STAYING AT MPAKA HAVE BEEN MOVED TO PRISONS AT MATSAPA AND MALKERS. NO REASONS ARE GIVEN. SABITI MBABANE. UNQUOTE. PERLOW

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